(b) to (d). The available Cobalt Therapy facilities in Rajasthan are not considered as adequate. This Ministry has already released financial assistance of Rs. 12.00 lakhs to MBS Hospital, Kota, for setting up of a Cobalt Unit. Separately a proposal for development of Oncology Wings in Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer and Rabindra Nath Tagore Medical College, Udaipur is under consideration.

[*English*]

Shortage of Malaria Drug

*276. SHRI SHRIAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government ignores shortage of Malaria drug" appearing in the Times of India, (Bombay edition) dated October 7, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether any probe has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the period November 1990 to July 1991, there was a shortage of Primaquine tablets which is one of the Anti-Malarial drugs used in the Malaria Control Programme. The shortage was on account of the failure of the suppliers to effect deliveries inaccordance with the orders placed on them. In order to overcome the shortage, Government organised the import of primaquine tablets through the World Health Organisation and adequate quantity has now been procured.

In order to conserve the stock of primaquine tablets, the Directorate of NMEP had issued instructions to the State Health authorities on 6/5/1991 for restricting the use of primaquine to serious and resistant cases of malaria. These instructions were subsequently withdrawn on 11/9/1991.

[*Translation*]

Names of Freedom Fighters in School Text Books

*277. SHRI AYUB KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether names of eminent freedom fighters have been removed from the prescribed school text books; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to information received from the NCERT and the CBSE no such name has been removed.

[*English*]

Control of AIDS

*278. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Latex has submitted any project report for the prevention of AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.